

Well, now is the time in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. We need that support. For people to oppose it—oh, we object to this or that—that is not what we are called upon to do. We have people who are desperate because of a natural disaster. We need unemployment compensation for those people and for the thousands who are still looking without success for jobs, and we also need it to assure the people that their welfare is our goal. That is what we do. We can sort out the nuances of conflicting programs and conditions, et cetera, so that they get the help they need.

So I hope we can move through this motion to proceed and get on to a serious debate. I personally believe we have to extend unemployment compensation through the end of the year. This “Perils of Pauline” every 30 days leaves people to wondering what is happening to them.

I was in a diner yesterday in Rhode Island, and a woman stopped me and said: When are you going to extend unemployment insurance? I don’t know if I am going to get it. I am running out of resources.

This is a woman who has worked all of her life. In fact, she told me she had been laid off once before because she didn’t have the training, and then she went and got education through a Federal program, moved into administration, and was just let go by her company because of the downsizing. She played by the rules, she has done everything asked of her as a citizen, and she is just waiting there.

We have to do more. So I hope the logic of our constituents might overwhelm the logic of this Chamber at the moment.

Mr. President, with that, I yield the floor.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 323, H.R. 4851, an act to provide a temporary extension of certain programs, and for other purposes.

Harry Reid, Richard J. Durbin, Patty Murray, Patrick J. Leahy, Jack Reed, Christopher J. Dodd, Mark Udall, Debbie Stabenow, Amy Klobuchar, Sheldon Whitehouse, Max Baucus, Dianne Feinstein, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Kent Conrad, Byron L. Dorgan, John D. Rockefeller, IV, Jeff Bingaman, Robert Menendez.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call is waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that the debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 4851, the Continuing Extension Act of 2010, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. KYL. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. SHAHEEN). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 60, nays 34, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 109 Leg.]

YEAS—60

Akaka	Feingold	Murray
Baucus	Feinstein	Nelson (NE)
Bayh	Franken	Nelson (FL)
Begich	Gillibrand	Pryor
Bennet	Hagan	Reed
Bingaman	Inouye	Reid
Boxer	Johnson	Sanders
Brown (MA)	Kaufman	Schumer
Brown (OH)	Kerry	Shaheen
Burr	Klobuchar	Snowe
Byrd	Kohl	Specter
Cantwell	Landrieu	Stabenow
Cardin	Lautenberg	Tester
Carper	Leahy	Udall (CO)
Casey	Levin	Udall (NM)
Collins	Lieberman	Voinovich
Conrad	Lincoln	Warner
Dodd	McCaskill	Webb
Dorgan	Merkley	Whitehouse
Durbin	Mikulski	Wyden

NAYS—34

Alexander	Ensign	McCain
Barrasso	Enzi	McConnell
Brownback	Graham	Murkowski
Bunning	Grassley	Risch
Burr	Hatch	Roberts
Chambliss	Hutchison	Sessions
Coburn	Inhofe	Shelby
Cochran	Isakson	Thune
Corker	Johanns	Vitter
Cornyn	Kyl	Wicker
Crapo	LeMieux	
DeMint	Lugar	

NOT VOTING—6

Bennett	Gregg	Menendez
Bond	Harkin	Rockefeller

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 60, the nays are 34. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

Mr. BAUCUS. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, April 13, following a period of morning business, the Senate resume postcloture debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 4851; that at 2:15 p.m., all postcloture time be yielded back, the motion to proceed be agreed to, and the Senate proceed to consideration of H.R. 4851.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I would say I have had a number of conversations with the majority leader and Senator COBURN and I think we have a way to move forward tomorrow afternoon.

Madam President, I was talking to the distinguished Senator from Ohio and we were saying, he and I, how much Lula Davis knows. She even recognized I made a mistake. I don’t do it very often. I was referring to the Republican leader, not the majority leader. I would like the RECORD to reflect that.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. I would agree about the part about Lula Davis, for sure.

We have all been back in our State for the last 2 weeks. I have been everywhere from Marietta to Cleveland to Toledo to Defiance to Youngstown to Columbus to Dayton—all over my State. There are a lot of things I hear. Of course there is a lot of pain. There are a lot of people who are looking for work, a lot of people who believe they are about to lose their health care or they have lost their health care.

I heard a lot, frankly, of gratitude that Congress moved on this health insurance bill so that now, immediately, small business people in Ohio, whether they are in Marion or Mansfield, whether they are in Warren or Wapakoneta, have a much better chance because of these tax breaks that take effect immediately to insure their employees, something that most small businesses I know, whether they are in New Hampshire or Ohio, want to do.

Also, we did not hear much of this during this debate, but the number of people who came up to me—and the majority leader was talking to me and he sees this in Nevada too—the number of people who came up to me in Youngstown or Cleveland or Bay Village or different places who have 22-year-old daughters or 20-year-old sons who might be home from the Army or home from college, finished college, finished their time in the Army and they do not have insurance and they cannot find a job with insurance. As a 23-year-old, it is pretty hard to find a job with decent health insurance. They like this new law because it means they can stay on their parents’ health insurance until the age of 26. I heard people all over the State, in the 2 weeks I traveled in Ohio in the time since we have been talking here, talking with senior citizens in senior centers, talk about closing the doughnut hole. So the bill President Bush pushed through more than anything gave huge subsidies and giveaways to the drug companies and the insurance industry but now we are taking care of the seniors by closing the doughnut hole at the same time this health care bill will provide the seniors once a year an opportunity to get a physical with no copay.

In spite of the difficulties people face, there is good news that way.